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SUBJECT: AMIR OF QATAR (VERY) CAUTIOUSLY SUPPORTS SADAT INITIATIVE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: DURING HIS OPENING ADDRESS TO THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE QATARI ADVISORY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 29, THE AMIR OF QATAR SHEIKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, MADE THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO THE

RECENT VISIT TO ISRAEL OF PRESIDENT SADAT OF EGYPT:

2. IT IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED THAT OUR ARAB NATION, LEADERS AND PEOPLES ALIKE, HAS UNANIMOUSLY AND DEFINITELY AGREED ON ACHIEVING ONE OBJECTIVE, AND WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT EVERY ONE OF US CONSIDERS IT HIS DUTY TO CONTRIBUTE TO ITS ACHIEVEMENT, ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE TWO SUMMIT CONFERENCES IN ALGIERS AND RABAT, AS THE GREATEST NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY WHICH HE SHOULDERS WITH

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ALL SINCERITY AND LOYALTY. IT IS ALSO AN INDISPUTABLE FACT THAT THE ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE THAT COMMON GOAL IS BY TAKING CARE TO ADHERE TO TOTAL ARAB SOLIDARITY. EVENTS HAVE DEVELOPED RECENTLY AFTER THE SURPRISE VISIT TO ISRAEL OF THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT, ANWAR SADAT. BUT WE HERE IN QATAR BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NOTHING MORE DANGEROUS TO OUR COMMON CAUSE THAN DIVISION IN OUR RANKS, BECAUSE UNITY IS OUR SHARPEST WEAPON AND OUR MOST EFFECTIVE

MEANS OF REALIZING OUR AIMS IN ALL OUR BATTLES. MOREOVER, OUR MOST PRESSING DUTY IS TO MAINTAIN THE CONTINUITY OF THAT UNITY THROUGH POSITIVE DIALOGUE, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH RECRIMINATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS THAT SOW SUSPICION, WHICH SERVE TO PURPOSE EXCEPT TO PREVENT US STANDING IN ONE LINE WITH ONE HEART AND ONE WILL TO FULFIL OUR SACRED AND COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT, NAMELY THE RECOVERY OF ALL THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, WITH HOLY JERUSALEM AS FIRST PRIORITY, AND THE RESTORATION OF THE ARAB PALESTINIAN PEOPLES' LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO THE HOMELAND, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATE ON THE SOIL OF THAT HOMELAND, AND THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE P.L.O. AS ITS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE.

3. IT IS A FACT, RECOGNIZED BY THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT THERE WILL BE NO PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

UNLESS THESE GOALS ARE ACHIEVED, AND THAT DELAY IN ACHIEVING THEM WILL EXPOSE PEACE AND SECURITY TO THE GRAVEST DANGERS. WE ARE NOW MOVING BY PEACEFUL MEANS TOWARDS THE RECOVERY OF OUR RIGHTS AND OF OUR LANDS, WHICH HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY USURPED, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO THIS COURSE BECAUSE WE ARE ADVOCATES OF PEACE. BUT THERE IS TOTAL AND UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN US IN OUR RESOLVE TO RECOVER BY FORCE THAT WHICH HAS BEEN TAKEN AND USURPED FROM US BY FORCE, IF OUR PEACEFUL ENDEAVOURS IN ACHIEVING THESE JUST AIMS FAIL. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: ALTHOUGH VERY, VERY CAUTIOUSLY WORDED, AND CONTAINING A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY, AMIR KHALIFA'S COMMENTS CONSTITUTE (AND WERE SO INTENDED) SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE. HIS STATEMENT FINDING "RECRIMINATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS THAT SOW SUSPICION" INCONSISTENT WITH POSITIVE DIALOGUE SEEMS AIMED AT SYRIAN, IRAQI AND LIBYAN CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT SADAT.

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